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It blew like mad, so we did not venture forth to see the splendid gardens.

I clipped from the paper today, to send to David at Groton, the findings on the state of teeth of English children. This dismal story recounts that the average British child has one decayed tooth for every year of his or her age. Only New Zealand rivals Great Britain in the instance of dental disease. Some of the statistics are quite extraordinary, even as regards adults. After 50, it is said that over half the population have complete sets of false teeth.

April 16, 1962 - Monday

Bishop Grady R. Kent, of the Church of God, telegraphed me some days ago from Cleveland, Tennessee, saying he was going to call on me. He appeared this morning, in what he may have thought were celestial robes. He was dressed all in white, including socks, except for black shoes, in a uniform with brass buttons, closely resembling what Air Force officers wear at dances in summertime. Accompanying him was Bishop Williams, attired in what looked like red velvet, and in general cut similar to the Kent garments./ Both sported unusual and magnificent beards. They are on a good will tour, converting all comers to religious tolerance. I tried to divert them into a discussion of comparative theology. Perhaps it was vanity that led me to the conclusion I knew more about this subject than they did. They are on their way to see the Pope, or at least they hope to do so. Then they propose to go on to Patmos Island, and good fellowship the Monks there, before proceeding to their final destination, Israel, where Bishop Kent wishes to build some sort of tabernacle. He says he has already constructed--it took 14 years to do it--the largest "worship house" in the world, in the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina. He is a great friend and admirer of Estes Kefauver.

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